

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 Apr 68 17/0216Z	2. LOCATION Gastonia, North Carolina (1 Witness)	
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Satellite (ECHO I)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	At 2107(L), Echo 1 was at 83 deg long., 35 deg lat., traveling in a NE direction.	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	The observer sighted a blue light that was as bright as the brightest star. The light silently traveled toward the NE.	
7. COURSE NE	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> DIRECTOR Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama </div> <div>RETURN TO:</div> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> 7243 6012-1 1630 Apr 1968 </div> </div>	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

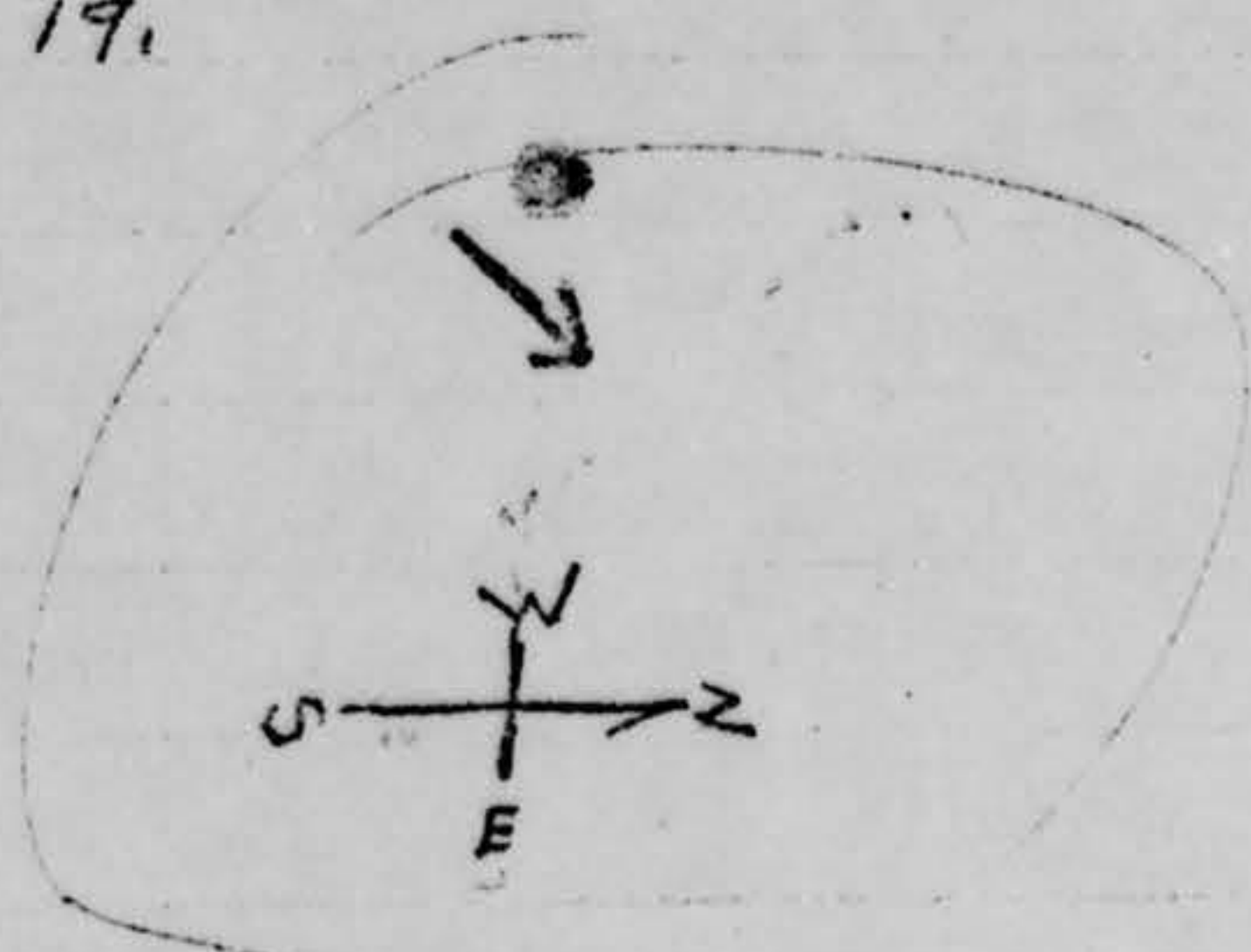
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- 1 April 16, 1968
- 2 9:16 P.M.
- 3 Standard time
- 4 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Gastonia, N.C.
- 5 7 min. Certain of time, determined by watch, object in sight continually, but dimmed and brightened.
- 6 Visibility unlimited.
- 7.
8. There were many stars.
9. Clear sky, dry weather
10. Appeared as a light.
11. Bright as the brightest star.
12. The edges were slightly fuzzy.
13. a stood still several times.
b. didn't speed up and rushed away
c. didn't break up
d. didn't give off smoke
e. changed brightness several times
f. didn't change shape
g. didn't flash or flicker
h. Disappeared but didn't reappear

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14. The object disappeared. It faded out
15. Didn't move behind any object.
16. Didn't move in front of anything.
17. It had no sound. Its color was blue-white.
18. All of the object would have been covered by a match head at arms length.
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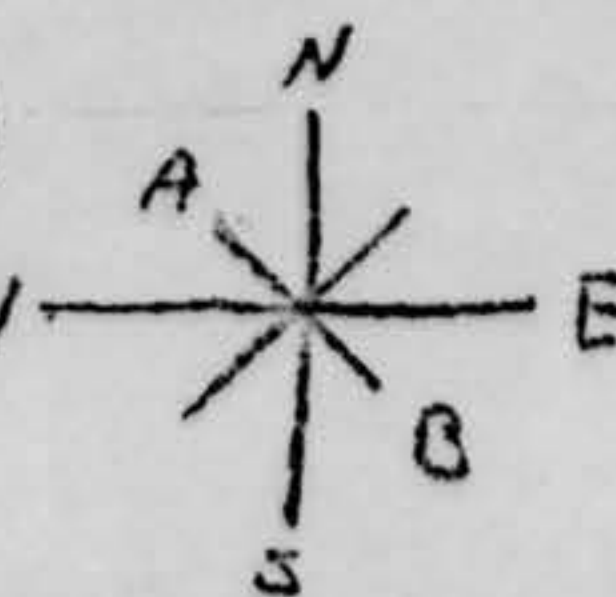


20. Estimated speed: Mach 1
21. Couldn't estimate height.
22. I was outdoors when I saw it
23. In residential section.
- 24.
25. Saw the object through eyeglasses.
26. It looked like a star
27. About 35° when first seen.

About 30° when last seen.

(A) when seen going

(B) when seen leaving



SE
NE
going
on

28.

A

B

29,

30. Seen objects like this before. But I don't remember the dates. The location is same.

31. No one else was with me. Except when a friend called and she didn't have time to watch. And she told him to call back.

32.

[REDACTED] , Gastonia, N.C.
[REDACTED], 15 years old, male

33. Didn't report to anyone except you.

34. Completed questionnaire: April 16, 1968

35. When I first saw it I got my camera and took 3 pictures; one at my door steps, one about 10 ft from the door and the other at the side of the house where it was darkest. I looked for running lights, thinking it was a plane but there was none. I could tell it was a single body. Sometimes during the day I can see jets going over at high altitudes and the speed was guessed by the jets. At certain times it dimmed to half or $\frac{1}{3}$ its brightness. At one point it dimmed moved a little dimmed again, it did

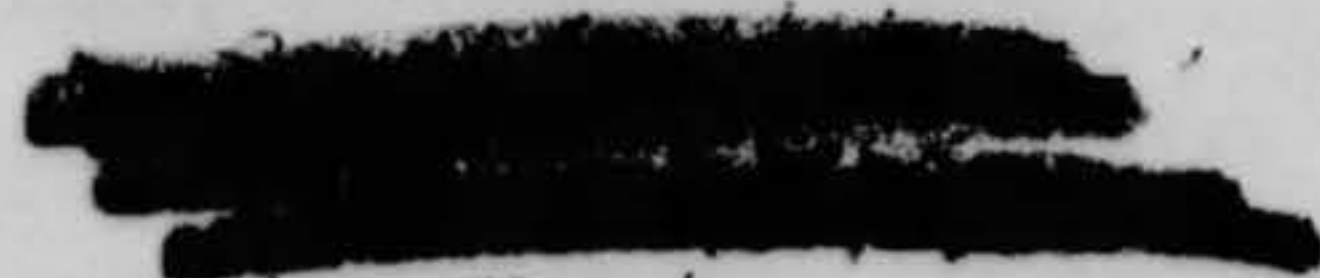
this about 5 times when it got passed
last star in the cup of the Big Dipper
that it passed.



where it
dimmed and ziggedzagged
at the same time

When it started to disappear it ziggedzagged
several times.

The pictures I mentioned earlier
will be sent as soon as I get them back.



Bastonia, N.C. 28052